

Docket No.: 29827/41757
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Provisional Application of:
Dieter Hermeling et al.

Application No.: 10/561,685

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Art Unit: 1712

For: (Meth)Acrylic Acid Esters of Alkoxylated
Unsaturated Polyol Ethers, and Production Thereof

Examiner: Unassigned

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 17, 2008, applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims.

Group I, claims 1-3, directed to a (meth)acrylic ester of an alkoxylated unsaturated polyol ether;

Group II, claim 4, directed to a process for preparing the polyol ether of Group I;

Group III, claims 5 and 8-12, directed to a swellable hydrogel forming polymer comprising a polyol ether of Group I; and

Group IV, claim 6, directed to a process for preparing a crosslinked swellable hydrogel forming polymer incorporating a polyol ether of Group I.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of examiner's Group III, namely, claims 5 and 8-12, inclusive, with traverse, for examination on the merits at this time. It is submitted